

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-9, 12 and 13 are amended.

Claims 2 and 10 are original.

Claims 14-19 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-19.

Claim 1 is amended for consistency by changing the punctuation in the first full line of the definition of R1 if $n=1$ and in the second line of the definition of R10, the word "or" is also inserted into the second line of the definition of R10.

Claim 3 is amended for consistency by rewording the Markush language.

Claim 4 is amended to remove multiple ranges and to correct Markush language.

Claims 5 and 7 are amended to remove multiple dependencies and multiple ranges. Claim 7 is also amended for consistency by rewording the Markush language.

Claim 6 is amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claim 8 is amended for clarity by deleting the term "vice versa", adding the phrase "and either" at the end of step 1, changing "(2)" to "(2a)" and adding alternate step (2b) which is the inverse (vice versa) of step (2a). Support is found in the specification, page 5, lines 1 and 2.

Claim 9 is amended to remove the unnecessary phrase "(compounds of the formula I with $n=1$ and $m=2$)" from line 2.

Claim 12 is amended to add the phrase "according to claim 1" to the preamble, and in the last 2 lines removing reference to claim 10, inserting the phrase "under R_2 with the proviso that R_2 is not equal R_2' " and making minor adjustments for consistency. Support is found in original claims 12 and 10.

Claim 13 is amended to remove multiple dependencies and reworded for clarity to read as a process dependent on claim 1 which further comprises an additional step. The last two lines of the claim are deleted and the material therein describing the further step of oxidation or reaction with sulfur is incorporated at the beginning of the claim along with the phrase "according to claim 1". Support is found in the original claims.

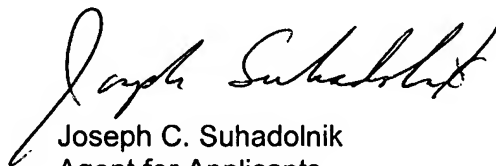
Claims 14-16 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 4, 5 and 7.

Claims 17-19 are added to reclaim material deleted from claim 13.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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